

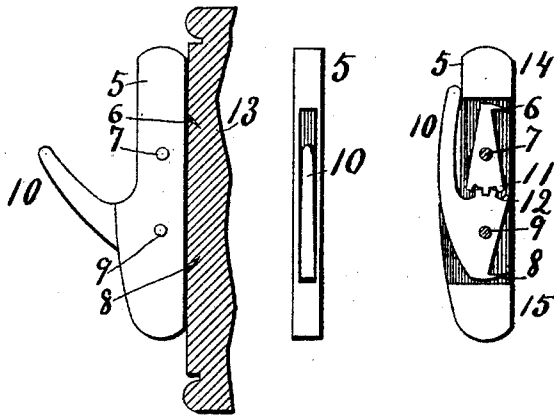
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Fig I. Fig II. Fig III.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELS NEILEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sioux City, in the county of Woodbury and State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Garment-Hangers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to that class of devices upon which garments may be hung against the wall, and its object is to adapt such a device to be made as a part of a pocket knife, or to be made to carry in the pocket independently of a knife, with means for securing itself to a wooden wall or door, and to serve when so secured, as a hook upon which garments may be hung, and which when not needed for this purpose may be readily removed from the wall and its movable parts be closed to be carried in the pocket like a knife.

To this end my invention consists in the construction and combination of parts forming a garment hanger, hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure I, represents a garment hanger according to my invention, in side elevation, attached to a wall, in position for service. Fig. II, is a front or edgewise view of the same device, and Fig. III, represents the same with the near side removed to expose to view the working parts as they appear when closed for the device to be carried in the pocket.

5 represents the frame or body of my garment hanger.

6 represents a claw pivoted at 7 in the frame.

8 is another claw pivoted at 9 in the frame

and provided with a handle 10 by means of which the hook may be turned upon its pivot.

11 and 12 represent gear teeth upon the two hooks fitted to engage each other for the purpose of causing the upper hook to rotate in conjunction with the lower hook.

The operation is as follows: The device in its normal position may be carried in the pocket with its claws closed into the body and the hook or handle laid flat against its edge as shown in Fig. III. In this closed condition the device is to be pressed firmly against the wall 13, then the handle 10 is to be opened and pulled downward with sufficient force to project the claws into the wall, thus firmly securing the hanger to the wall and leaving the handle 10 projecting to serve as a hook upon which a garment of any kind may be hung. It will be seen that the weight of the garment so hung tends to project the claws farther into the wall so that this device acts automatically to engage the wall to support itself and the garment hung upon it. When it is desired to remove the hanger from the wall it is only necessary to press upward and inward upon the handle 10 to close the same, thereby withdrawing the hooks and freeing it from the wall.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is the following:

The combination in a garment hanger of a body; two claws pivoted therein on two separate pivots and geared to coact, one of the said claws being provided with a garment hook, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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